

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**  
**ABSTRACT**

Regulation of Trade in Abnus Beedi Leaves – Restoring the facility of remission of 50% on the selling price of the Beedi Leave over and above the Targets fixed for each unit from 2008 Beedi Leaf season – Orders – Issued.

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ENVIRONMENT FORESTS SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 152

Dated: 20 -11-2008.

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No. 4, EFS&T (For.III) Dept, dated 21-1-1997.
2. G.O.Ms.No. 45, EFS&T (For.III) Dept, dated 13-4-2006.
3. Repn.from the B.L. Forest Contractors Assn. Hyderabad, dt. 28-1-2008.
4. From the Prl.CCF., Ref.No.1654/07/M1 (STC) dt. 13-3-2008.
5. Govt. Memo.No.2204/For.III/08-1, dt. 25-3-2008.
6. From the Prl.CCF., Lr.No.1654/M1 (STC) dt. 20-4-2008.
7. From the Prl.CCF., 1654/2007/M1 (STC) dt. 8-9-2008.

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**O R D E R :**

In G.O.Ms.No.4, Environment Forests Science & Technology (For.III) Department, dated 21-1-1997, Government have issued orders revising the policy for collection of Beedi Leaves in Telangana Region from the year 1997 and introducing a system for sale of Beedi leaves through open tender system. As per the said orders sale amount remission of 50% shall be given for the Beedi leaf collection over and above the notified target. The collection charges shall have to be reimbursed by the Purchaser.

2. Subsequently, orders have been issued in G.O.Ms.No. 45, EFS&T (For.III) Dept, dated 13-4-2006 withdrawing 50% of Remission of sale amount given to the contractors for the Beedi leaf collection over and above the notified target.

3. The President of the A.P. Beedi Leaves Association has represented that, they made out a case for grant of 50% remission in the royalty component for the Beedi leaf collected over and above the notified target and request was made to arrange for issue of orders so that, the benefit accrues to the labourers as well as the purchasers who had taken the initiative to collect more leaf. Their request was essentially aimed as an incentive to the purchasers without causing any inconvenience or financial liability to the Govt. For the reasons stated in the representation, the President of the Association has requested for issued of orders for grant of 50% remission of the Royalty component from 2008 Beedi Leaf season.

4. The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, who was consulted in the matter, has stated that the concession of 50% remission on the sale price of Beedi Leaves over and above the targets was extended to the purchasers from the year 1971 to 1986 and 1997 to 2006. However, after detailed examination and analysis of the concession extended to the Beedi Leaves Contractors, the same facility was withdrawn from 2007 Beedi Leaves season based on the recommendations of the Department. The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests has further informed that the remission of 50% were given from 1997 and discontinued from 2007. However, no malpractices are reported form the field offices for giving this concession earlier. He has therefore, requested the Government to issue suitable orders in the matter.

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5. The Government, after careful examination of the request of the AP Beedi Leaves Forest contractors association and in the light of the reports of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., have decided to restore the facility of 50% remission on the selling price of Beedi Leaf over and above the targets fixed. Accordingly, Government hereby order for restoring the facility of 50% remission on the selling price of Beedi Leaves over and above the targets fixed for each unit from 2008 Beedi Leaf Season.

6. The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests.,  
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The VC & MD., A.P. Forest Development Corporation Ltd, Hyderabad.  
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All the Dist. Treasury Officer of Telangana Districts.  
The Social Welfare / Tribal Welfare Department.  
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The Accountant General, A.P. Hyderabad.  
The Pay & Accounts Officer, Hyderabad  
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